Allocation for development of district hospitals in U.P.

†1846. PROF. MM. AGARWAL Will the Minister of HEALTHAND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by Government for the development of district hospitals of Uttar Pradesh during the year 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, district-wise; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make improvement in State-run hospitals and to save the common rural people of the State from dreaded and fatal diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PAN ABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and(b) Health being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the respective state government to develop/upgrade the facilities for providing necessary medical care to the people. However, the Central Governments augmenting the efforts of the state government through various centrally sponsored disease control programmes/schemes. Apart from this, Uttar Pradesh Health System Development Project is being implemented with the World Bank Assistance in Uttar Pradesh for a period of 5 1/2 years with effect from 26.7.2000 with an estimated outlay of Rs. 478.07 crores. The objectives of the project, *inter alia,* includes provision of quality health care services to the people in the rural areas, improvement of the health status of the people, especially the poor and the under served (women, SC/ST, elderly) by reducing mortality, morbidity and disability.

Amendment to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules

1847. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules (DCR) under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act;

(b) if so, the main set of new rules that are being considered;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether any legislation is also likely to be introduced;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) the main features of the proposed amendment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Drugs and Cosmetics Rules are amended from time to time by the Government of India to make them responsive to the present day needs of quality control of drugs.

(c) to (e) The Government have introduced the Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2003 (Bill No. 93 of 2003) further to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 on 22.12.2003, in the 13th session of Lok Sabha to enhance penalties for manufacture of spurious drugs and violation of the other provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules made thereunder. With the dissolution of the Parliament the said bill also lapsed. Steps have been initiated to reintroduce this Bill in Parliament. The Bill proposes enhanced punishments relating to spurious or adulterated drugs leading to death or grievous hurt and makes such offences non bailable and cognizable. It also proposes setting up of special courts to try such offences.

Dengue and Malaria cases in Delhi

1848. SHRILALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dengue and malaria cases reported in Delhi this year since March, month-wise;

(b) the reasons for early out break of the diseases caused due to mosquito bite this year; and

(c) the action taken by various Government agencies to cope with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As per information received from State Health authorities, the number of dengue and malaria cases in Delhi during 2004, month-wise since March, is as under :—